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Samson Building Fires

- I. Sin in the nation Judges 13:1; 14:4
Philistines - immigrants into Palestine (name means stranger) Plentiful, powerful, war like spirit - over run land like Japanese-K Disarmed Israelites.
- II. Samson Separated Judges 13:3-5
Monoah ask God to speak again 13:8
God grated the request 13:11-13
First fire - 13:19,20 - Monoah and his wife remembered.
Samson born 13:24 - Religious home.
Nazarite - 13:5: Num. 6:2-8
Samson like John the Baptist were perpetual Nazarites.
"Entire consecration to God."
Samson - name means "sun", "sunny" lived up to his name by wit, humor, and fun, good-nature, full of adventure.
- III. Samson and a woman
1. 14:1-2 Father objects 14:3. He did not know if she could keep house, lazy, musical, pleased his eyes.
2. Visits - 14:5-6 lion
- IV. Samson and his riddle
14:8-9 - gave to his father.
14:10-14 - wedding feast
14:15 - His wife threatened
14:16a - She pouted
14:17-18 They answer, Samson stunned.
14:19 - His power.
14:20 - She ~~gave~~ to another.
- V. Samson builds a fire
15:4-5 Stealing of his wife called for a raid on the Philistines.
What a sight! 150 torches burning corn, orchards, vineyards.
15:6 - Philistines burn his wife and her father.
15:8 - avenges the family.
- VI. Samson Slaughtering
15:11-16 - sought to capture Samson
15:18-19a - need little comment
16:1-3 - surrounded

VII. Samson and another woman

- 16:4-6 wicked woman, a devil
- 16:8-9 green withs
- 16:11 - new ropes
- 16:13-14 pin to beam
- 16:17 - seeking to snare her man - nagging, crying, weakened.
- 16:21 - tragedy - eyes out, never again see. Laps of Delilah are numerous today, worldly, material love of ease, laps of doubt.

VIII. Samson made sport of - 16:23-25

IX. Samson strengthened - 16:26-30

Deep in his heart there must have been an invisible fire - faith in God. Soul burned with in. Fire of concern, "Let me die with them"

With all weakness and sin, he was appointed of God. He was a backslider. Persistence of a wrong woman. He comes bak into the favour of God. He is listed in Hebrews 11.

The conquered man, fallen man can come back. By penitence and prayer.